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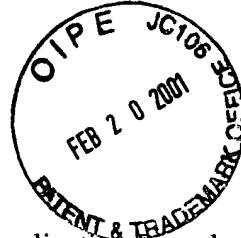
In re Application of

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For: METHODS OF ISOLATING BIPOTENT HEPATIC PROGENITOR CELLS



: Application Branch

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Application dated December 20, 2000, submitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the above-referenced application:

1. Declaration and Power of Attorney (which is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63)
2. Late Filing Fee Surcharge of \$65.00 Check No. 1229
3. Applicants assert that this application is entitled to **Small Entity Status**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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### *Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

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